# Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology (OSE)/ Office of Pharmacovigilance and Epidemiology (OPE)

# Divisions of Pharmacovigilance (I and II) Goals and Objectives for Pharmacy Student Rotations

#### I. Goals:

- A. To familiarize the student with the role of CDER, OSE, and DPV I-II in post-marketing safety.
- B. To assist DPV I-II in our mission to protect public health by detecting and analyzing postmarketing adverse event data to identify drug safety concerns and recommend actions to improve product safety.

## *II. Learning Objectives*. Upon completion of this rotation, the student will be able to:

- A. Explain the FDA's mission, functions, and organizational structure, including the role of DPV I-II within the FDA.
- B. Discuss laws, regulations, and guidance documents related to post-marketing drug safety.
- C. Discuss basic principles of Pharmacoepidemiology and Pharmacovigilance.
- D. Describe the origin of postmarketing reports in Adverse Event Reporting System (AERS) Database.
- E. Explain the roles and responsibilities of a post-marketing safety evaluator in DPV I-II within the FDA.
- F. Utilize available resources to identify and evaluate potential safety signals (e.g. AERS, data mining, scientific literature, etc).
- G. Explain post-marketing surveillance mechanisms that OSE uses to identify drug safety concerns and recommend actions to improve product safety.
- H. Demonstrate acceptable qualities and characteristics of professional behavior in areas of confidentiality, communication, appearance, timeliness, commitment, and initiative.

### III. Student Requirements (may include, but not limited to)

- A. Given a preceptor-approved topic, provide a written summary and an oral presentation describing a postmarketing safety issue.
- B. Complete ancillary preceptor-approved assignments (e.g. journal club; drug safety-related, regulatory/policy-related, or therapeutics-related topic discussions).
- C. Participate in training and meetings as assigned by the preceptor.
- *IV. Student Assessment and Grading:* The preceptor will assess the student on performance and professionalism at the midpoint and end of the rotation.